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14 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed External Research Project for  
Exploitation of Unclassified Soviet  
Publications on Rail Transport

1. ORR subscribes in the need for the attached FDD/00 proposed external research project, dated 19 April 1956, and concurs in the recommendation that approval be granted for initiation of the project.

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3. With respect to recommendation c in the attached proposal, it is felt that the funds in the amount of [REDACTED] for fiscal year 1957 should be reflected in FDD's operating budget for fiscal year 1957 rather than calling for a transfer of funds from ORR. This is based on the fact that the proposed project is "exploitation" in nature and is properly within the mission of FDD, not ORR.

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/s/ [REDACTED]

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for OTTO E. GUTHE  
Assistant Director  
Research and Reports

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Subject project proposal

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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1. Subject project is designed to assist the Transportation Branch, Services Division, Office of Research and Reports, by providing an extensive exploitation of Soviet serial and monographic literature essential to fill gaps in intelligence on the USSR rail transport system. Manpower in FDD/OO is currently absorbed in other projects. It is therefore proposed to contract with a qualified individual to undertake the necessary exploitation externally. It is intended that the project run for the balance of the current fiscal year and through FY 1957.

2. The project, if approved, will operate under the administrative control of Chief, FDD/OO, and the contractee's output will be monitored by the Chief, USSR Branch, FDD. No other administrative or operational support will be required.

3. It is recommended that:

a. Approval for initiation of this project be granted by the Deputy Director (Intelligence).

b. Unvouchered funds in the amount of [REDACTED] be transferred from ORR to FDD/OO for FY 1956.

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c. Unvouchered funds in the amount of [REDACTED] be transferred from ORR to FDD/OO for FY 1957.

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/s/

[REDACTED]  
Acting Assistant Director for Operations

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Enclosure

CONCUR: See attached memo dated 14 May 1956  
Assistant Director for Research and Reports

Date

APPROVED: /S/ Robert Amory, Jr. \*  
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

May 24 1956

\*With the exception that FDD/OO will budget the amount of [REDACTED] for FY 57 and no transfer from ORR funds for FY 57 will be necessary.

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